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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time for responding to the Rejection dated June 15, 2004, up to and including October 15, 2004, for the purpose of permitting the timely filing of the enclosed Request for Reconsideration.

Authorization to charge the additional fee of \$55.00 for the one-month extension of time for a small/large entity, and/or any additional fees associated with this Petition for Extension of Time, is granted in the attached Fee Transmittal Form.

Respectfully submitted,

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Please charge or credit our Account No. 03-0075 as necessary to effect entry and/or ensure consideration of this submission.

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